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**DAVIS SECURES FEDERAL FUNDS FOR VITAL  
LOCAL PROJECTS IN FY2003 SPENDING BILL**

**Washington, D.C.** – The FY2003 omnibus appropriations package passed by the U.S. House of Representatives today includes millions of dollars for programs that will benefit all residents of Northern Virginia, **Congressman Tom Davis** (R-VA-11<sup>th</sup>) said today.

“This year’s long and arduous budget process has culminated in a spending package with a long list of items that will enhance the quality of life in Virginia’s 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District,” Davis said. “With significant cuts coming at the county and state levels, these federal funds are more critical than ever. The breadth of these projects is good news for a cash-strapped Commonwealth.”

*Among the local funding Davis highlighted:*

**Transportation:**

- \$26.5 million for mass transit through Tysons Corner out to Dulles Airport;
- \$3.5 million for the continued widening of Route 123;
- \$1.5 million for improvements to the I-66/Route 29 interchange;
- \$2 million for improvements to the Lee Highway/Chain Bridge Road intersection;
- \$7.6 million for safety and traffic flow improvements to the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge;
- \$2.1 million for the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission for 12 new commuter buses and technology to make bus travel more efficient and convenient;
- \$1.6 million for Fairfax County, to help provide employment-related transportation for low-income residents along the congested Route 1 Corridor;
- \$2 million for Virginia Railway Express;
- \$2 million for improved access to the Marine Corps Heritage Center;
- \$2 million for new Metro clean fuel buses;
- \$400,000 for Intelligent Transportation System projects to help ease the severe traffic problems created by the post-9/11 closures of Woodlawn Road and Beulah Street through Ft. Belvoir;
- \$600,000 for a new radar system and air traffic control improvements at Dulles Airport.

**Education:**

- Critical funding for Fairfax County and Prince William County Public Schools, including: \$300,000 for middle school reading and mathematics remediation (PWCPS); \$200,000 for the Enterprise School (FCPS); \$200,000 for Fairfax Network (FCPS); \$50,000 for Speech Recognition for students with disabilities (FCPS);
- \$1 million for the Networked Economy Summit;

- \$600,000 for KidzOnline;
- \$300,000 for George Mason University's Krasnow Institute, and \$200,000 for GMU's Center for Cognitive Development;
- \$2.5 million for the Virginia Community College System.

**Community Development/Infrastructure/Health Care/Public Safety/Nonprofit Social Services:**

- \$250,000 for ChildHelp USA, to assist in their child abuse prevention and treatment efforts;
- \$2 million for the Occoquan dredging project, to make the river safer and more passable and revitalize the town's waterfront;
- \$500,000 for the Goshen Dam, to help make the Lake Merriweather area (home to many weekend excursions by Northern Virginia Boy Scouts) less hazardous and more useable;
- \$1 million for the final asbestos clean-up work at the former Lorton Prison site;
- \$2 million for the Washington Council of Governments for electric security infrastructure enhancements in the region;
- \$590,000 for the new Belmont Bay Science Museum;
- \$300,000 for the Vienna-based Women's Center;
- \$661,000 for the Virginia Community Policing Institute;
- \$1 million for the Commonwealth to develop an emergency communication plan and buy critical equipment for first responders;
- \$90,000 for Vienna Little League, for field and facility improvements;
- \$135,000 for Lorton Arts Foundation/Lorton Workhouse, for building renovations at the former Lorton Prison for a creative arts center;
- \$180,000 for Vanguard Services Unlimited, a substance abuse treatment facility;
- \$900,000 for Dale Services Corporation, to provide the infrastructure to meet effluent discharge limits as part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, funding the complements \$2 million Davis secured last year and will help keep rates down;
- \$885,000 for the Fairfax County Water Authority for infrastructure security enhancements.

**Federal employees:**

- \$5.6 million for a new Officer Candidate School facility at Quantico;
- A 4.1 pay increase for both civilian and military federal employees.

“These funds will improve public educational opportunities and programs, ease traffic gridlock, reward hard-working and dedicated military and civilian personnel, enhance regional social service and extracurricular programs, and return a good-sized chunk of taxpayers' money to the deserving residents of Northern Virginia,” Davis concluded. “Good things come to those who wait.”

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